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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**Pacific Racing Association**

Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, California

**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**Report for the Week of Wednesday, March 4, 2020 through Sunday, March 8, 2020.**

**WEDNESDAY**

3/4/20<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY – CHANGES FOR FRIDAY**

Steward **John Herbuveaux** was on duty to handle all the entries and changes.

**THURSDAY**

3/5/20<sup>1</sup>

**DESORMEAUX RULING REF (3/1/20<sup>3</sup>)**

**Ruling # 48**

Jockey **Kent J. Desormeaux** who rode **Mother Of Dragons** in the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, March 1, 2020 is suspended three (3) racing days March 12, 13, and 14, 2020 for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in a disqualification of his mount from second to third; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

The above Ruling was issued after **Mr. Desormeaux** appeared and like a true professional accepted responsibility for "Letting the mare get away from him for about forty steps".

3/5/20<sup>2</sup>

**VELASCO HEARING CASE 19GG0152**

Owner **Jose Velasco** failed to appear this morning on a case filed by Investigator **Jennifer Tolman**. **Mr. Velasco** is cited under six separate rules including 1902.5 (Animal Welfare). A ruling will be issued tomorrow morning.

3/5/20<sup>3</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race: Jockey **Hugo Herrera** for **Brayan Pena** double Jockey Fee.

2<sup>ND</sup> Race Declaration: #1 **Sierra Dance** (Tr. **Q. Miller**) Sick – Dr. Franklin – Refund \$ 341.32.

3/5/20<sup>4</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

Today's seven race card was conducted without incident.

3/5/20<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	801	\$ 272,479.41
GG	317	\$ 154,429.30
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,383,007.39
TOTAL	1,118	\$ 1,809,916.60

FRIDAY  
3/6/20<sup>1</sup>

**VELASCO RULING REF (3/5/20<sup>2</sup>)**

**Ruling # 49**

Owner **Jose DeJesus Velasco**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before March 5, 2020, is hereby suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1489 (a) (10) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations), #1594 (Registration Certificates to Reflect Correct Ownership), #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) and 1902.5 (Animal Welfare).

The above ruling was issued after **Velasco** failed to appear or contact the Stewards yesterday.

3/6/20<sup>2</sup>

**LILY AI**

**Ruling # 50**

Assistant Trainer/Exercise Rider **Lily Ai** is fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00)\* for mistreating a horse entering the main track during morning training hours on March 6, 2020; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1902.5 (Animal Welfare).

The above ruling was issued after **Ms. Ai** appeared with Outrider **Nancy Barney** and Safety Steward **Richard Lewis** who observed her grabbing part of a Martingale (Rings) and using it to motivate the horse she was on. **Ms. Ai** explained that she did not have a crop and wanted to get her horse away from the Gap to avoid causing traffic problems. **Ms. Barney** and the Stewards explained that if she was having a problem, she could ask the Outrider for help. **Ms. Barney** stressed that in this instance she was only a few yards away and could have easily helped out.

3/6/20<sup>3</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race Declaration: #3 **Priest Lake** (Tr. **Steve Specht**) Injured–Dr. Franklin–Refund \$ 399.22.

3<sup>RD</sup> Race Declaration: #7 **Awesome Heights** (Tr. **Genaro Vallejo**)

Unsound – Dr. Franklin – Refund \$ 915.09.

5<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration: #6 **It's Big Aine** (Tr. **C. DeLima**) Sick–Dr. Franklin–Refund \$ 129.82.

6<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration: #2 **Ixtapa's Finest** (Tr. **McLean**) Unsound–Dr. Franklin–Refund \$464.04

7<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration: #3 **Papa Do Run** (Tr. **A. Tekos Jr.**) Sick–Dr. Franklin–Refund \$265.50

3/6/20<sup>4</sup>

**POST TIME CHANGE**

Executive Director **Rick Baedeker** approved a change in today's post time on Wednesday (3/4/20) from 12:45 to 1:15 to accommodate the new **Golden Hour Double** which involves the last race at **Santa Anita** and the last race at **Golden Gate**.

3/6/20<sup>5</sup>

**7<sup>TH</sup> RACE CLAIM VOIDED**

The claim submitted by Trainer **Tim McCanna** for the ridgeling "**Passing**" was deemed void after State Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** reported him lame in the left hind leg. "**Passing**" was returned to the barn of **Jonathan Wong**.

3/6/20<sup>6</sup>

### **INADVERTANT SCRATCH 8<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

There was a mistaken scratch initiated by either the **Totalizator Company** or the **Mutuel Department**. #7 **Jamason** trained by **R.B. Hess** was taken out of the wagering pool without authorization by the Stewards. There was an equipment correction for #7 but somehow it was interpreted as a scratch. The Investigative Staff is interviewing all involved and will have a report and possibly a complaint in the near future. Under Rule #1974 (Wagering Interest) the horse was allowed to run for purse money only. All departments, simulcast facilities, and critical personnel were notified, and the announcer and the video department were advised to get the information out to the public ASAP.

**Jamason** ran and finished second for the purse money but was not involved in the Mutuel Payoff.

3/6/20<sup>7</sup>

### **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	1,087	\$ 439,921.03
GG	724	\$ 235,195.60
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,461,681.88
TOTAL	1,811	\$ 2,136,798.51

**SATURDAY**  
3/7/20<sup>1</sup>

### **HERRERA RULING**

#### **Ruling # 51**

Groom **Diego Herrera**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before March 6, 2020, is hereby suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing).

The above Ruling was issued when **Mr. Herrera** failed to appear to answer charges alleging drunkenness and abusive behavior.

3/7/20<sup>2</sup>

### **HESS RULING**

#### **Ruling # 52**

Trainer **Robert B. Hess** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)\* for failure to follow proper procedure when entering the horse **Jamason** to race with no hind shoes on Saturday, February 29, 2020; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1853 (Examination Required).

The above Ruling was issued after **Mr. Hess** accepted the penalty for not noting his horse would race unshod behind as usual.

3/7/20<sup>3</sup>

### **TROY THOMAS HEARING – CASE 19GG0184**

Stable Foreman **Troy Thomas** was charged with violation of rules #1437 (Condition of a Race Meeting), #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing) and #1902.5 (Animal Welfare). Present beside the Board of Stewards was **Troy Thomas**, Officer **Mike Miles** of Golden Gate Security and the case was presented by Investigator **Noe Longoria**. The report summarized an episode in which Groom **Paul Wanner** and Stable Forman **Troy Thomas** allegedly took a horse named "**Preacher Brown**" to the racetrack at night while intoxicated without Trainer **Jerry Puertas Sr's** permission.

**The facts that came out at hearing are as follows:**

- 1) **Paul Wanner** and **Troy Thomas** were drinking heavily on 12/22/2019 at the barn of Trainer **Jamey Thomas**.
- 2) Groom **Wanner** was working for **Jerry Puertas Sr.** at the time. Stable Foreman **Thomas** was working for his father **Jamey Thomas**.
- 3) **Wanner** was the groom in charge of the care of the horse "**Preacher Brown**".
- 4) **Wanner** wanted to ride "**Preacher Brown**" late at night.
- 5) **Wanner** convinced **Thomas** to assist him in getting the horse on the track.
- 6) **Wanner** walked the horse to the track and **Thomas** opened the gate to allow horse and rider onto the track.
- 7) **Wanner** attempted to ride "**Preacher Brown**" and at some point, fell off allowing the horse to get loose.
- 8) **Wanner** got back in touch with **Thomas** who in turn called 911 in a panic.
- 9) 911 called Golden Gate Security and referred the matter to them.
- 10) The horse was captured with minor abrasions according to Practicing Veterinarian **Steve Boyer**.
- 11) Both Groom **Wanner** and Foreman **Thomas** were issued "Removal or Denial of Access" Forms (CHRB Rule #1989) by Security.

A decision on this matter will be forth coming. It should be noted that Groom **Paul Wanner** was charged in case 19GG0183 and failed to appear for today's hearing.

3/7/20<sup>4</sup>

#### **PROGRAM CHANGES**

3<sup>RD</sup> Race Declaration: #3 **Unusually Green** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 368.19.

4<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration: #2 **Marino Heat** (**Jamey Thomas**) Injured -Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 112.29.

10<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration: #4 **River Of Champagne** (Tr. **Jacqui Navarre**)

Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 1,449.66

#9 **Sith Lord** (Tr. **A. Psarras**) Injured – Dr. Sporer – Refund See Above

#10 **Many Roses** – (Tr. **F. Lucarelli**) Sick–Dr. Sporer– Refund See Above

3/7/20<sup>5</sup>

#### **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	1,861	\$ 951,382.20
GG	941	\$ 380,201.40
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,441,964.48
TOTAL	2,802	\$ 2,773,548.08

**SUNDAY**

3/8/20<sup>1</sup>

#### **WANNER RULING – CASE 19GG0183 – REF 3/7/20<sup>3</sup>**

##### **Ruling # 53**

Groom **Paul Wanner**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before March 7, 2020, is hereby suspended for violation California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting), #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horseracing) and #1902.5 (Animal Welfare).

The above Ruling was issued when **Wanner** failed to appear yesterday to answer charges concerning taking a horse to the track at night while intoxicated.

3/8/20<sup>2</sup>

### **GARCIA HEARING CASE 19GG0181/SALDIVAR HEARING CASE 19GG0180**

A Hearing was convened today concerning an altercation involving Exercise Rider **Shyann Garcia**, Exercise Rider **Jose Saldivar** and Groom **Jose Ravelero** on October 1, 2019.

During the hearing it was brought up that **Ravelero** had thrown the first punch hitting **Saldivar** who is sightless in one eye. **Ravelero** did not have a complaint filed against him.

All parties said they were good with each other and the cases were dismissed- with a warning to keep to themselves.

3/8/20<sup>3</sup>

### **7<sup>TH</sup> RACE INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION**

The Inquiry Sign was posted to review an incident involving #9 **Code Gray (William Antongeorgi, 7<sup>TH</sup>)** and #1 **Matson (Kent Desormeaux, 8<sup>TH</sup>)** in the stretch near the 1/8 pole. After review #9 was placed 8<sup>TH</sup> for interference with #1 in a tight call.

#9 is racing in front of #1 and is off the rail just enough for a horse to get through. #1 attempts to get through this tight opening just as #9 takes a step in. Jockey **Desormeaux** takes a hold of #1 but ends up clipping the heels of #9, **Mr. Antongeorgi** will review his effort on Thursday with the stewards.

3/8/20<sup>4</sup>

### **LATE SCRATCH – 14 MINUTE DELAY – SUPER HIGH FIVE REFUND**

#3 **Country Road** ridden by **Alejandro Gomez** and trained by **Victor Trujillo** flipped while loading and ended up laying underneath the Starting Gate. Starter **Todd Stephens** took immediate charge and got the horse angled the right way and pulled him out. Miraculously, it was reported that no stitches were needed since “**Country Road**” only had minor abrasions. Jockey **Gomez** was also unhurt.

3/8/20<sup>5</sup>

### **NINTH RACE INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – MAJORITY DECISION**

The inquiry sign was posted to review the actions of the #2 **Gold N Grand (2<sup>ND</sup> Hugo Herrera)** and #9 **Glenroy (3<sup>RD</sup> Kevin Krigger)** in deep stretch. #2 comes out in deep stretch and brushes with #9. The margin of victory was a long nose. Neither Jockey stopped riding and the majority of Stewards felt the incident was minor and did not cost #9 a better placing. Steward **Dennis Nevin** felt the contact was severe enough to disqualify #2 for costing #9 the chance at a better placing .

3/8/20<sup>6</sup>

### **PROGRAM CHANGES**

4<sup>TH</sup> Race: (No Show Wagering) Declaration #4 **The Adrie Factor** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**)  
Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 746.52

5<sup>TH</sup> Race: #7 **Exactamente** – (Tr. **Clifford DeLima**) Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 397.70

8<sup>TH</sup> Race: #3 **Country Road** - (Tr. **Victor Trujillo**)

Injured at Gate – Dr. Grantham – Refund \$ 65,552.63

#5 **Tomahawk Tuesday** – (Tr. **C. DeLima**) Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ See Above

3/8/20<sup>7</sup>

### **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	1,288	\$ 548,063.56
GG	2,199	\$ 363,828.37
OUT of STATE	n/a	\$ 1,404,854.99
TOTAL	3,487	\$ 2,316,746.92

### **SUMMARY**

	<b>Thurs 3/5</b>	<b>Fri 3/6</b>	<b>Sat 3/7</b>	<b>Sun 3/8</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	0	0	0	8
<b>Claims</b>	2	2	2	5	11	103
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	1	1	5
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	0	2	2	8
<b>Refunds</b>	2	8	7	7	24	211
<b>Rulings</b>	1	2	2	1	6	53
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	1	0	1	11

### **VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Vet</b>	<b>Refund</b>
5-Mar.	2	1	Sierra Dance	Q. Miller	Sick	Dr. Franklin	\$ 341.32
6-Mar.	1	3	Priest Lake	S. Specht	Injured	Dr. Franklin	\$ 399.22
6-Mar.	3	7	Awesome Heights	G. Vallejo	Unsound	Dr. Franklin	\$ 915.09
6-Mar.	5	6	It's Big Aine	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Franklin	\$ 129.82
6-Mar.	6	2	Ixtapa's Finest	B. McLean	Unsound	Dr. Franklin	\$ 464.04
6-Mar.	7	3	Papa Do Run	A. Tekos	Sick	Dr. Franklin	\$ 265.50
7-Mar.	3	3	Unusually Green	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 368.19
7-Mar.	4	2	Marino Heat	J. Thomas	Injured	Dr. Sporer	\$ 112.29
7-Mar.	10	4	River Of Champagne	J. Navarre	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 1,449.66
7-Mar.	10	9	Sith Lord	A. Psarras	Injured	Dr. Sporer	See Above
7-Mar.	10	10	Many Roses	F. Lucarelli	Sick	Dr. Sporer	See Above
8-Mar.	4	4	The Adrie Factor	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 746.52
8-Mar.	5	7	Exactamente	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 397.70
8-Mar.	8	3	Country Road	V. Trujillo	Injured	Dr. Grantham	\$ 65,552.63
8-Mar.	8	5	Tomahawk Tuesday	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ See Above

Respectfully submitted,

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